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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF NEW INDIAN CONSUL GENERAL FOR CHICAGO

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY PRAN NATH NEVILE, MEA OFFICER NOW HANDLING
SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN ECONOMIC DIVISION, TELLS
US HE HAS BEEN NAMED CONSUL GENERAL DESIGNATE FOR CHICAGO.
HIS ETD IS FEBRUARY 1977.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS FROM A CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTARY SOURCE:
NEVILE WAS BORN OCTOBER 24, 1922 AND GRADUATED WITH HONORS IN
ECONOMICS FROM LAHORE UNIVERSITY. HIS WIFE'S NAME IS SAVITRI.
HE BEGAN HIS GOVT CAREER IN 1944 WITH AN ASSIGNMENT AS JOURNALIST
IN THE THEN PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU. FROM 1946 UNTIL 1948
HE WAS A COMMERCIAL INVESTIGATOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
FOR COMMERCIAL PUBLICITY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.
HIS FIRST DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT WAS AS COMMERCIAL SECRETARY TO THE
INDIAN EMBASSY AT TOKYO. HE RETURNED TO INDIA TO WORK AS A DEPUTY
DIVISIONAL MANAGER IN THE STATE TRADING CORPORATION, REMAINING
IN THAT CAPACITY FROM 1957 UNTIL 1959 WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED
TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. ASSIGNMENTS
AS COMMERCIAL OFFICER TO WARSAW, 1962 TO 1966; BELGRADE, FROM
1966 TO 1969; AND MOSCOW FROM 1971 TO CIRCA 1974 FOLLOWED. HE
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HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF NUMEROUS INDIAN TRADE DELEGATIONS INCLUDING
THE TEAM THAT REACHED A LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET
UNION IN 1970. IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH, HE HANDLES WITH VARYING
DEGREES OF COMPETENCE, FRENCH, GERMAN, POLISH, HINDI, AND URDU.

3. WE HAVE ENJOYED ONLY LIMITED CONTACT WITH NEVILE TO DATE,

BUT HE APPEARS TO BE A WELL GROUNDED COMMERCIAL EXPERT. WE ANTICIPATE SEEING HIM FROM TIME TO TIME AND WILL ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH MORE PRECISELY HIS ETD FOR CHICAGO.

4. NEA/INS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PROCESSING OF HIS ASSIGNMENT THERE IN THE LIGHT OF OUR OVERALL BILATERAL CONSULAR RELATIONSHIPS. NEVILLE HAS NOT AS YET APPLIED FOR VISA AT EMBASSY. PLEASE ADVISE IF HE SHOULD BE HANDLED IN ANY SPECIAL MANNER
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